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AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003 (Paper No. 11) was due July 17, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to August 18, 2003 (August 17, 2003 being a Sunday). Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to Paper No. 11, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.